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Online Payment, Pay-By-Phone Options Will Help You **Free Up** **Time** and Spend **Less Money**

Marietta Power and Marietta Water's online payment and pay-by-phone systems give you the power to spend more time and money on things other than paying your utility bills.

Both of these systems make it easy for you to pay your bills from the comfort of your home or office anytime, day or night. No checks. No stamps. No envelopes. No extra trips to the mailbox.

If you have Internet access, simply visit mariettapower.com

and click on the "Online Payments and Services" link. A new screen will then appear and offer you the option of requesting a personal identification number (PIN). (If you have used the system before, you can simply log in from this screen.) To obtain a PIN, you will need to enter your account identification number and your cycle and route number exactly as they appear on your utility bill.

After completing this simple set-up process, you can log into our Online Payment System anytime. In addition to paying bills, you can view a chart of your electric and water consumption, billing amounts and payments — as far back as three years if you'd like.

If you don't have Internet access, you can still manage your account anytime from anywhere using Marietta Power and Water's Pay-By-Phone option. Simply call our main number at (770) 794-5150 and select payment option

from the list of menu choices you hear making it easy to access detailed account information including your account balance, consumption history and last meter reading. Then simply follow the prompts and enter your account number and the credit card number that you wish to use to pay your bill. The system accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express for payment. When you finish, the system will immediately process your payment and provide you with a confirmation number.

So stop wasting your time and money on writing checks, stuffing envelopes, buying stamps, and running back and forth to the post office. Put Marietta Power and Water's



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Online Payment System or Pay-By-Phone option to work for you this month — and start looking for more enjoyable ways to spend the time and money you save. ⚡

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Electric Heat Pump Savings Add Up as Natural Gas Prices Soar

Marietta Power encourages you to join the growing numbers of our customers who have saved big money this year by switching to a heat pump system.

As you already know, if you heat your home with natural gas, damage to production facilities caused by Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Katrina caused gas prices to spike in 2005. As a result, people who heat their homes with natural gas have seen their total costs rise more than 45 percent from last winter. Natural gas customers have paid an average of \$1,100 more to keep warm this winter than they did last year.

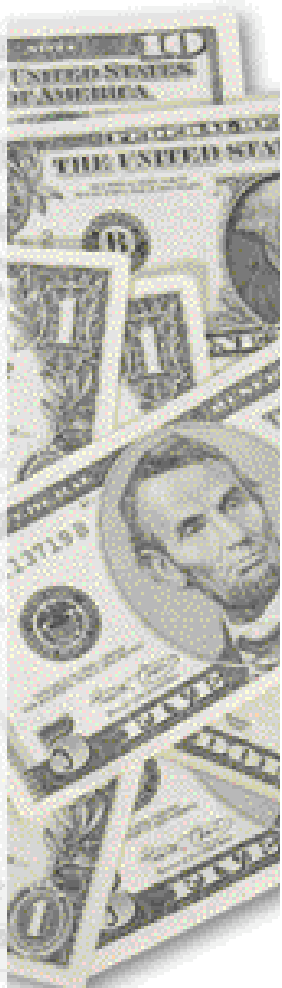
Based on these cost increases, energy experts say that switching to an electric heat pump can now save a customer in our area as much as \$600 per year, depending on the size of a person's home and a heat pump unit's heating capacity. Heat pumps generate these savings by transferring heat from one place to the other. These units operate on the scientific principle that heat exists in the air at all times, even when the temperature outside is extremely low. A heat

pump extracts this heat from the air outside and transfers it indoors to keep you warm.

Marietta Power currently offers several incentives that will help you save even more when you switch from gas to electricity. By meeting a few simple conversion requirements when purchasing and installing new equipment, you can take advantage of these incentives and:

- **Receive \$500 when installing a new dual fuel or electric heat pump and water heater**
- **Receive \$250 when installing a new electric water heater**
- **Receive \$150 when installing a new dual fuel or electric heat pump**

To find out how much you can save by replacing your gas furnace with an efficient new heat pump, please call (770) 794-5102 or visit www.mariettagov.com/advice.htm and click on the Residential Calculator link. If you would like to know more about how a heat pump works, please visit www.mariettagov.com and click on Residential Energy Systems. ⚡



Calendar of Events

For a complete list of City of Marietta events please visit www.mariettagov.com and click on Calendar of Events.

March 10 through 12 Cobb County Library Book Sale

Jim R. Miller Park
Marietta

Friday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Call (770) 528.2342 for information

March 11 through 12 Georgia Ballet Presents The Sleeping Beauty

Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.;
Sunday, 2 p.m.
For Box Office information call
(770) 528-0881 or online at
www.georgiaballet.org

March 15 through April 23 Bus Stop

Theatre In The Square Mainstage
Marietta
Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m.;

Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Admission \$18 to \$33
Call (770) 422.8369 for information
or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

March 20 through June 6 Summer Day Camp Registration Begins

Recreation Office, Marietta City Hall
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Space is limited.
For more information call Marietta
Parks and Recreation at (770) 794-5601

Saturday, March 25 THE HUNT 2006

Jim R. Miller Park
Marietta
10 a. m. to 2 p.m.
Free
Features children's art activities, live
music by local talent, carnival rides,

concessions, visits with the Easter
Bunny and The Mad Hatter contest
Call (770) 528.8875 for information

March 25 Kellogg's USA Jr. Olympics Competition

Laurel Park
Free
10 a.m.
Youth between the ages of 8 to 13
have the opportunity to participate in
the U.S. Junior Olympics Skills
Competition presented by Kellogg's
Frosted Flakes.
For more information call
(770) 794-5604 or visit
www.usolympicteam.com/JOSkills

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